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The Honorable Kristine L. Svinicki
Chairman
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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Dear Chairman Svinicki,

As you know, I have met with you and written to you to express my grave concern with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC) February 13th Inspector General Report, *Concerns Pertaining to Gas Transmission Lines at the Indian Point Nuclear Power Plant*. While I still reserve my concern and skepticism, I was encouraged by your direction to form an investigatory team that will issue a report within 45 days.

Following Executive Director for Operations Margaret M. Doane's February 27th memorandum to David L. Skeen, who is the lead expert on the team on concerns pertaining to gas transmission lines at the Indian Point Nuclear Power Plant titled "Tasking in Response to the Concerns Pertaining to Gas Transmission Lines at the Indian Point Nuclear Power Plant," I write with several requests that I hope you will take swift action to address.

First, in the February 27th memorandum, EDO Doane writes, "With respect to modifications to agency practices or procedures, the team should inform the EDO of any issues identified in their evaluation within 20 days of this memorandum to permit the EDO to assess and develop changes, if appropriate." I write to request an update directly from you at the end of this 20-day period. Second, at the end of the 45-day period, I request a full briefing on the team's findings and an interim report before the finalized report is made publicly available.

Third, as the Congressional representative for the area surrounding Indian Point and those most affected by the alarming deficiencies found in the OIG report, I write to request a public meeting after the report is finalized and made publicly available. This meeting should be scheduled after the coronavirus restrictions on public gatherings are lifted. It is critical that my constituents have

an opportunity to be publicly heard and to fully understand what went wrong and how NRC intends to prevent these gross deficiencies in the future.

I look forward to your swift reply and thank you for your timely attention to this serious matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Nita M. Lowey". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Nita" being more prominent and the last name "Lowey" following in a similar style.

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